MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) All the Executives of ITDC, irrespective of their area of posting, are treated at par with the Central Government Officers in the matter of performance of duties on national holidays.

Settlement of Pay Scales in I.T.D.C.

1780. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not settling the pay scale issue of executives and staff of I.T.D.C. who fall under Industrial Dearness Allowance as per Mishra Commission's recommendation on Public Sector Undertaking's Pay scales; and

(b) what are the reasons for not enhancing the dearness allowance of staff and executives of I.T.D.C.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Pay scales of ITDC executives/Non Executives borne on Central D.A. pattern and appointed prior to 1.1.1989 in the Corporation have been revised as per recommendation of the High Powered Committee (Mishra Commission) with effect from 1.1.1986.

The question of grant of Industrial D.A. and related revised pay scales to employees (both Executives and Non Executives) appointed in ITDC on or after 1.1.1989 is under consideration.

Uniforms for Air Hostesses for VVIP Flights

1781. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policy relating to uniforms to Air India air hostesses has not changed since 1983;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to substandard quality of uniforms being supplied to Air India hostesses, Air India management does not permit them to wear the same on VVIP Flights; and

(c) whether good quality kanjeevaram silk, printed silk and patola silk sarees have been purchased in the open market and supplied to Air India hostesses operating the VVIP flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sarees provided as uniform to air hostesses in Air India are of good quality silk manufactured by the Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation.

(c) New set of uniform is provided for VVIP Flights. However, the cost of these sarees is less than the sarees provided for regular use.

Foreign Tourists to Darjeeling and Sikkim

1782. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of foreign tourists visited Darjeeling and Sikkim during the last five years;

(b) what was the amount of foreign exchange earned through those tourists; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to promote such visits of foreign tourists in these places?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) According to the figures furnished by the respective State Governments the estimated number of foreign tourists who visited Darjeelling and Sikkim during the last 5 years are as given below:

Year	Foreign Tourist Visits	
	Darjeeling	Sikkim
1987	1096	1902
1988	1940	2122
1989	13363	1838
1990	20642	4709
1991	14600	6000

(b) Estimates of foreign exchange earning from tourists are not compiled place wise and state wise.

The development of tourism in any particular place is primarily the responsibility of the State Government

and the Central Government provided assistance by way of publicity and financial support to specific schemes subject to availability of funds.

Expansion of Cochin Airport

1783. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the aerodrome at Cochin for airbus operations; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After the feasibility study is completed.

Loan given by Indian Airlines for starting Co-operative store at Palam

1784. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a loan of Rs. 50,000 from Indian Airlines was given for starting a Co-operative store at Palam airport;

(b) whether according to rules only a confirmed body is entitled to get a loan whereas the society has only an ad hoc president and workers have objected to this and only after their protest the store has been sealed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any enquiry has been made to realise the loan amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Airlines Consumer Co-operative Store Limited at IGI airport has been registered with the Registrar of Societies, New Delhi. The President and other officials are for an interim period pending election after registration as per Rules. The Co-operative Store has a membership of 129 and as per its by-laws, each member will have liability equivalent to five times his shareholding. The value of the shares held by the members is Rs. 12,900 and therefore, their liability would be Rs. 64,500. The Co-operative Store was scheduled to be inaugurated on 23.1.1992 but certain aspiring members objected to the inauguration before their enrolment as members of the Store. Pending resolution of the conflict, the store has been temporarily closed. Indian Airlines would be in a position to recover its loan of Rs. 50,000 as the store has the resources covering the amount of loan.

Construction of Hotels, Lodges and Yatri Niwas in Tamil Nadu

1785. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of hotels, lodges and Yatri Niwas constructed in each district of Tamil Nadu during the last five years with the financial assistance from the Central Government;

(b) what are the details of the financial assistance given in this regard?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Provision of infrastructural facilities at any place is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central financial assistance is extended for specific projects based on their merits, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. Based on this criterion, during the last five years (1987-88 to 1991-92), five tourist complexes have been sanctioned at different locations in the State with Central financial assistance amounting to Rs. 99.54 lakhs. However, no new project for the construction of a yatri niwas has been sanctioned during this period.

उत्तर प्रदेश में विमानन और हवाई अड्डों का आधुनिकीकरण

1786. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में विमानन और हवाई अड्डों के आधुनिकीकरण की कौन-कौन सी परियोजनाएं चल रही हैं; और

(ख) ये परियोजनाएं किन-किन क्षेत्रों से संबंधित हैं?